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TO

Amend the Law relating to Marriages by Roman
Catholic Clergymen in Ireland.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Parlia-^{Presented.}
ment of Ireland in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign
of King George the Second, intituled "An Act for
" annulling all Marriages to be celebrated by any Popish Priest
5 " between Protestant and Protestant, or between Protestant and
" Papist; and to amend and make more effectual an Act passed in
" said Kingdom in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her late
" Majesty Queen Anne, intituled 'An Act for the more effectually
" ' preventing the taking away and marrying Children against the
10 " ' Will of their Parents or Guardians,' " it was enacted that
every Marriage that should be celebrated after the First Day of
May One thousand seven hundred and forty-six between a Papist
and any Person who had been or had professed him or her self to
be a Protestant at any Time within Twelve Months before such
15 Celebration of Marriage, or between Two Protestants if celebrated
by a Popish Priest, should be and was thereby declared absolutely
null and void, to all Intents and Purposes, without any Process,
Judgment, or Sentence of Law whatsoever:

And whereas the said Enactment has been fraudulently taken
20 advantage of, and has led to great public Scandal and Incon-
venience:

[Bill 99.]

Be

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same:

Recited En-
actment
repealed
after 1 Jan.
1867.

1. That the said Enactment be and the same is hereby repealed 5
as to all Marriages which shall be celebrated by any Roman
Catholic Priest between Two Protestants, or between a Protestant
and Roman Catholic, after the *First Day of January One thousand
eight hundred and sixty-seven*.

Nothing
contained
in Marriages
(1.) Act
7 & 8 Vict.
c. 81. to
affect certain
Marriages
by Roman
Catholic
Priests.

2. Nothing contained in an Act of Parliament passed in the 10
Session of Parliament holden in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the
Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for Marriages in
" Ireland, and for registering such Marriages," shall affect any Mar-
riage between Two Protestants, or between a Protestant and Roman
Catholic, celebrated by any Roman Catholic Priest after the *First* 15
Day of January One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and no
Notice in the Form of Schedule A. to said Act annexed shall be
required in the Case of any such Marriage; and the Exception in
said last-recited Act contained, in the Case of a Marriage by any
Roman Catholic Priest which might at the Time of the passing of 20
said Act be lawfully celebrated, shall be extended to and include
the Case of a Marriage by any Roman Catholic Priest between Two
Protestants, or between a Protestant and Roman Catholic, cele-
brated after the *First Day of January One thousand eight hundred
and sixty-seven*. 25

Not to
apply to
Proceedings
commenced
before pas-
sing of Act.

3. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall
extend or apply to any Proceeding, Civil or Criminal, commenced
before the *passing of this Act*.

Act not to
repeal Pro-
hibitions
against Per-
formance of
Marriages
by degraded
Clergymen.

4. Nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend 30
to the Repeal of any Enactments now in force for preventing the
Performance of the Marriage Ceremony by degraded Clergymen,
and that this Act shall not extend or apply to the Marriage of any
of the Royal Family, and shall extend to Ireland only.

Marriages (Ireland).

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by Roman Catholic Clergyman in
Ireland.

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